



STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Scoliosis, an abnormal curvature of the spine, with no known cause, is a condition affecting 2 to 3 percent of the population, or an estimated 7 million people in the United States and is a condition which strikes without regard to gender, race, age, or economic status; and

WHEREAS: An estimated one million scoliosis patients utilize healthcare yearly, with approximately one of every six children being diagnosed with this condition eventually being required to receive active medical treatment; and

WHEREAS: The primary age of onset for scoliosis is between ten and fifteen with females being five times more likely to progress to a curve magnitude that requires treatment; and

WHEREAS: We must increase the public's awareness of scoliosis and help children, parents, adults, and healthcare providers understand, recognize, and treat the complexities of spinal deformities such as scoliosis; and

WHEREAS: Screening programs allow for early detection, and for treatment opportunities, which may alleviate the worst effects of the condition; and

WHEREAS: We observe National Scoliosis Awareness Month to renew our commitment to raising awareness and combating the spinal condition of Scoliosis, and to recognize the need for increased research and funding to reduce the pain and suffering it causes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2017, as:

SCOLIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 23rd day of June.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE